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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated May 4, 2006, setting a shortened three-month statutory period for response to expire on August 4, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this document.